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## USATF Convention Minutes Shirley Clemons

### **Race Walking General Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 27 – 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:35 pm. A quorum was present based on sign-in sheets. The chair opened the first session by outlining the proposed agenda for the meetings during the week. It was moved by Ginger Mulanax and seconded that we dispense with the calling of the roll. There being no discussion, the motion passed. The minutes from the 2000 Annual Convention were approved as corrected. Ginger gave the Membership Services report. The Board approved the motion from the Membership Services Committee that any Association that did not provide either revised bylaws or their annual meeting minutes for 2001 would not be able to vote in any committee unless the appropriate documents are given to Walter High by Wednesday.

### **Officers Reports**

**Secretary** – Shirley Clemons did not have anything specific to report. This report had previously been published in the November issue of the newsletter.

**Treasurer** – Curt Clausen reported that the committee had \$33,000 for development and \$10,000 for administrative, which should be almost spent by end of year. In development, spent close to \$14,500 in athlete support. Spent about \$2,500 for the junior meet versus Canada, about \$8,000 for the Arco center. For next year budget committee is allowing about \$10,000 for administrative. No longer do we have our own development t, it is under high performance. Submitted our request for \$77,000 but not likely we will receive this. During the coming year he would like to get a process going to allow us as a committee to budget rather than having it fall to the chair.

**Chair** – Dan Pierce stated that his written report is published on page 96 of the 2001 Annual Meeting Reports, a copy of which is appended hereto as part of the record. He added that the executive committee has an e-mail group that allows the committee to communicate amongst themselves. He also informed the meeting that next year the executive committee will hold a meeting at the indoor championships and another at the outdoor nationals as well as one or two conference calls during the year.

### **Announcements**

Frank Alongi gave \$5,000 for the use of junior race walk development that will be used next year. He has been sent a thank you letter from the Chair and the National office. We will be sending him a USA sweat top and a card signed by all. Tom Eastler volunteered to have a plaque made for him as a further thank you.

Chair announced that the times have been changed for the race walks at the indoor nationals so that these races are now closer to the other finals.

### Rules and L&L Proposals

Item R03 – Need to make sure that there will be an exception made for race walking to allow foreign competitors in our events. Shirley will get clarification from L&L on Regulation 9 and report back.

Item B27, which has to do with term of office for sports committee chairs, we do not agree with and will make this presentation to L&L. It is felt that each committee should be allowed to make this decision rather than having the Bylaws require it. Also, Item B28, which has to do with number of members on the executive committee, we will argue to have this one amended as well.

Item B31, which is to change the make-up of the Coaches Education Committee, it no longer shows a race walk coordinator. The committee wants this provision included. This will be taken up with the L&L.

IAAF 3 – Amend Rule 30.5 as follows:

....Race Walking Officials, which may include an official in charge of the Warning Posting Board, a Chief Judge's Assistant, and/or a Chief Judge's Recorder. – tabled to Thursday.

IAAF 7 – Add a new Rule 39.(h) as follows and re-letter the existing (h):

In addition to the Judges, an official may be appointed as the Chief Judge's Assistant. The Chief Judge's Assistant may assist with the notification of disqualifications, but shall not act as a Judge. – tabled to Thursday.

Amend Rule 39.3(e) as follows:

The Chief Judge and The Chief Judge's Assistant, if one has been appointed, shall use a red paddle to signal disqualification during a walking race. – tabled to Thursday.

IAAF 8 – Amend Rule 39.2(b) as follows:

Each Judge shall use a white yellow paddle for signaling cautions during a race. – was approved.

IAAF 9 – Amend Rule 39.3(d) as follows:

Disqualification may shall be given immediately as soon as practicable after the competitor has finished... - was approved.

IAAF 10 – Append the following to Rule 39.3(d):

The failure to give prompt notification shall not result in the reinstatement of a disqualified competitor. – was approved.

IAAF 11 – Amend Rule 39.3(f) as follows:

.....a one or more warning posting boards shall be used..... – tabled until next year.

IAAF 12 – Amend Rule 39.3(f) as follows:

.....to keep competitors informed about the number of warnings that have been received by the Recorder or Chief Judge for given to each competitor. – rejected.

IAAF 13 – Add a new Rule 39.3(g) as follows:

Where appropriate equipment is available, hand-held computer devices with transmission capability may be used by the judges in communicating all warnings to the Recorder and the Warning Posting Board(s). – was approved.

IAAF 54 – Amend Rule 150.3(a) by adding the following, after the second sentence:

A competitor who fails to leave the track or course, as required by this Rule, shall be subject to Rule 65.8. – was approved.

IAAF 55 – Add a new Rule 150.4 as follows and re-letter the existing .4:

In addition to the water and/or refreshment stations provided at the beginning and end of the race, for all events of 10km or longer, refreshment stations shall be provided every lap. In addition, drinking/sponging stations for water only shall be placed approximately midway between the refreshment stations or more frequently if weather conditions warrant such provisions. – Tom Eastler Steve Vaitones, Mike Rohl, Bob Bowman and Dan Pierce will discuss and come up with new wording.

**Standards, Steve Vaitones** - Steve reported proposed standards as follows:

Indoor nationals – recommended a standard of 22:00 from 21:50 for the men’s 5k and women’s 3k of 14:40, which remains the same. Committee agreed to these standards. The committee also set a standard for a men’s 3k of 12:45.

Junior men outdoor standards – 55:50 10k, a 15:00 3k, 25:30 for 5k. Junior women outdoor standards 59:45 10k, 16:00 3k, 28:30 5k. Committee approved these standards.

The committee recommended an outdoor women’s 20k standard 1:48:00. The committee recommended for a men’s outdoor 20k standard A standard 1:36:00 and B standard 1:40:00. All men that qualify for the meet under 1:36:00 will be allowed to compete. If fewer than 18 men enter the meet the field will be filled with the next fastest qualifiers. The limitation on the field will be 18 entrants or 1:40:00, whichever comes first.

**IAAF report** - Bob Bowman stated that his report is in the Annual Meeting Reports on page 83 and a copy of this report is appended hereto as part of the minutes.

**Operating Procedures** - Shirley Clemons reported on housekeeping changes that were made. The committee changed to this committee, United States changed to USA, United States Track & Field changed to USATF and wherever race walk was mentioned, it was changed to race walking. The Operating Procedure procedural changes will be discussed at the meeting on Friday.

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### **Race Walking General Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 28 – 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was present based on the sign-in sheets.

**Pan Am Cup, Vince Peters** – Vince reported that 8 men and 4 women made up the national team. They encountered difficulties but because some of the athletes were able to speak Spanish, these problems were resolved. The women’s team placed second in the 20k and the men’s team placed third in the 20k. Curt had an awesome race even with disqualification. John Nunn was only seconds slower than at the national championships and had an extremely good race. Sean Albert was named the following week as the athlete of the week as the result of his efforts at the Pam Am Cup. The next meet is to be in North America, Canada but presently that may not be viable so it may come back to the US.

**Strategic Planning Committee, Allen James** – Allen worked with the committee to come up with plans that build upon the concerns that Sal Corrallo had researched by surveying the race walking community. There were five stages presented and they were printed in detail in the September newsletter and at racewalk.com. The floor was opened for discussion with several ideas being presented for consideration. Diane noted that due to their actions in their association in helping with track they have been given a full scholarship to Chicago State for one athlete. She was requested to get information on this to Mike Roth for insertion in the newsletter.

**Budget** - The Budget request was discussed. In the past we have had \$33,000 for development. Next year we will receive \$6,000 and because we have three events, it amounts to \$2,000 per event. The committee requested \$77,000 overall. It was reported that Men’s and Women’s Development are separate committees now so Curt has to separate out the requirements for the men and women. We put a request for money for coach’s education, money for a large camp at the Olympic Training Center for Open and Juniors at the same time, a couple of Junior camps, travel for the Open team, also a Junior trip to Europe but may end up only receiving a Mexican Walk Week or something similar. There is also money requested for Judge’s education, i.e. travel for training.

**Electronic communication** – There was discussion regarding the use of electronics for communication at our national outdoor meet. It was decided that we should try this approach at the association level before attempting national meets. Bob Bowman will look into getting information on this concept and report to the committee.

**Officials Committee** - Ron Daniel will be voting at the Official's Committee on behalf of the Race Walking Committee. He requested voting guidelines. He will be voting for the committee uninstructed.

### **Announcements**

At the National Open Outdoor in June, the junior meet will be held in conjunction with the open meet. On Friday the junior walk will start at 8:00 a.m. The open 20k will be on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and the other will be on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. The races for juniors and open will be on the track.

Olympic Trials for 2004 in Sacramento are scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. The chair will request a 7:00 a.m. start and see if we can get 8:00 a.m.

The 50k Olympic Trials – Dan will be meeting with John McCCasey, who is the head of the Olympic Trials in Sacramento, to negotiate the trials at Sacramento as part of the other events being contested.

Tom Eastler presented to the committee the information that on the racewalk.com web site there is an application form where a high school athlete can enter their name and best performances and other pertinent information that is available to collegiate coaches of race walking.

Michael Rohl announced that the athlete's support group has allotted four additional real slots in the health insurance program for race walking, for athletes that participated as members of a World Cup Team. There is no guarantee but they are eligible to apply.

Meeting recessed at 3:55 p.m.

### **Race Walking General Committee Meeting Thursday, November 29 – 1:00-5:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order by the chair at 1:10 p.m. A quorum was present based on the sign-in sheets.

**Coaches Education report, Troy Engle** - Troy reported that he is one of the current co-directors of Level I coaching education. It was reported that the walks are going to be inserted into Level I. One of his responsibilities as a Level I director is to take evaluations of schools to evaluate the quality of instruction but also the quality of the curriculum. One of the problems with Level I is that it is a tight schedule of 22 hours and can't expand the time for the school so he has been charged with heading up a curriculum evaluation of all of Level I. The Level I school presentations for all the event groups and all the sports sciences are on a CD so that all instructors give the same curriculum. The walks will be inserted in these CD's. The technique portion will be digitized video, which is going to take time to accomplish, but it will be done. He reported that currently the distance training, four distances, has only one hour and we are being offered 30 minutes, more than any other track and field event. They have been given a date of next summer's Level II schools to complete the reevaluation of the Level I curriculum. Currently there are 20 Level I schools scheduled for around the country and that listing is available on the USATF site under the Coach's Education home page.

### **Announcements**

Allen James reported that the Athletes Advisory Committee unanimously supported the proposed amended Regulation 3 pertaining the team staff selection. They requested that all voting members of our committee to please vote in favor of the smaller committees.

Scott Davis, director of the Mount Sac Relays reported to the committee that the relays would host a one-mile men and women's walk in their venue next year. It will take place on Sunday, April 21, 2002.

**Site Selection report, Mike Rohl:**

50k – OM,OW - February 17 – San Diego, CA  
30k – OM,OW,MM,MW – May 5 – Sacramento, CA  
15k – OM,OW,MM,MW,JM,JW – June 2 – Evansville, IN  
10k – OM,OW – August 18 – Wilkes-Barre, PA  
10k – OM,OW – August 16,2003 – Wilkes-Barre, PA  
40k – OM,OW,MM,MW – September 1 – Ft. Monmouth, NJ  
5k – OM,OW,MM,MW September 21 – Kingsport, TN  
1 hour – OW,MM,MW,JM,JW & 2 hour OM – September 28 – Long Island, NY  
5000 meter – JM,JW – October 6 – Boston, MA  
20k – MM,MW,JM,JW – October 20 – Coconut Creek, FL

A special vote was taken to approve the 10k Sallie Mae bid for 2004. It was moved and seconded and it was passed.

Mike reported that next year the bid packages will be out in the spring. He set four goals for himself and his committee. 1) Make the process more efficient; 2) create reasonable schedules; 3) recruit race directors outside of race walking to reduce stress from us; 4) find a sponsor or help race directors have a sponsorship, which was accomplished. New Balance has agreed to sponsor at least three of these events. Race director's e-mails will be provided to Kim Landry and she will contact them about the sponsorship. Race directors need to negotiate their sponsorship requests. Plans for the future: To make the site selection committee really dynamic by involving other people and other groups. He is going to continue to try to recruit race directors from outside of race walking. Going to try to integrate his committee either as a bidding committee or part of the task force into the other committees to make things similar throughout. Wants to try to develop a budget for the national championships. Is going to continue to try to gain sponsorship that will eventually lead to a series sponsorship.

Newsletter report, Mike Roth – Have restarted the race walk committee newsletter. It is being sent out to approximately 90 people, consisting of association race walk chairs, national committee members, senior athletes, some meet directors and other selected people. Approximately 25 are being sent hard copies and the rest via e-mail. It is also posted on racewalk.com. Plans for future is to get it to 100% in electronic form so that it is distributed quickly and it will reduce the yearly cost of approximately \$200. Would like to get a list from the national office of all race walkers and e-mail them the newsletter as well as often association chairs do not pass on information as they should. Would like to encourage association chairs to send information about what they are doing at the local level.

**Junior Team Coordinator report, Steve Vaitones** – He took over this committee last year in place of Jeff Salvage. Junior team is defined as the top six juniors from the Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championship. The camp planned for this year had to be canceled. That is a main focus for next year. Presented a race summary for the junior match versus Canada. It was held in conjunction with the Sallie Mae in August. There were eleven US athletes and six of those were wearing the USA uniform for the first time. The women's team had a 1,2,3 sweep scoring 16-6 and the men's team scored 16-5. Next year's meeting will be in Canada, either Edmonton, Toronto or Montreal. World Juniors for 2002, Robyn Stevens and Ben Shorey qualified. First time we have had a male athlete in a number of years.

**Youth report Ginger Mulanax** – Ginger reported that the next World Youth championships would be in Montreal in 2003. To be selected qualifying races are Youth Nationals, Junior Nationals, Junior Olympics or Penn Relays in 2002. Also, have to show fitness at any of these events. Ginger requested the standards for the Worlds and Bob Bowman volunteered to obtain this information. It was also reported that the Junior Olympics are in Omaha in 2002, the Youth Nationals are in Miami. In 2003 the Junior Olympics are in Miami and so are the Youth Nationals. In 2004 the Junior Olympics will be in Eugene.

**Proposed rules and L&L changes** – Dan reported that Item 63 that was tabled in 2000 was withdrawn. IAAF rules – IAAF3, accepted as amended, which is delete "a Chief Judge's Assistant" and "Chief Judge's" from the submission; IAAF7, rejected; IAAF8, accepted; IAAF9, accepted; IAAF10, accepted; IAAF11, rejected; IAAF12 rejected; IAAF13, accepted; IAAF54, accepted; IAAF55, accepted as amended by adding after the first sentence the following: In addition to refreshments provided by the organizing committee, athletes shall be permitted to provide their own refreshments at refreshment stations.

Shirley reported on the concerns regarding several L&L proposals. B20, accepted as amended, replace the words "the division" with "that position. B27 and B28 were withdrawn. B31 was tabled; R03 was accepted as amended but she was informed that the rulebook gives us the leeway to have guests in our championships.

There was a breakout session for Associations scheduled from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. At the same time, the national team members met with the chair.

Meeting recessed at 3:15 p.m.

## **Race Walking General Committee Meeting Friday, November 30 – 10:00 a.m.-12 Noon**

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present based on the sign-in sheets.

**Records report, Justin Kuo** – Justin presented the race walking records set in 2001:

Men's 35k	Curt Clausen	2:38:45	Edmonton	11 Aug
Women's 15k	Michelle Rohl	1:09:10	Evansville	3 June
	new meet record, not American record			
Women's 30k	Michelle Rohl	2:34:37	Kenosha	22 Jul
	recommending that it be deferred until course is validated.			
Women's 40k	Cheryl Rellinger	4:26:31	Ft Monmouth	9 Sept
	recommending that it be deferred until course is certified.			
Women's 50k	Susan Armenta	4:49:57	Manassas	31 Mar

The chair reported that Bev LaVeck has the list of master's records and it will be presented to the proper committee.

Tom Eastler moved and it was seconded that we accept the recommendations of the records committee.

## **Awards Presentation**

Henry Laskau award for the outstanding Junior was presented for the second year to Robyn Stevens of Parkside in the women's division and to Ben Shorey, also of Parkside, in the men's division.

The memorial awards were presented:

Capt. Ron Zinn award

Curt Clausen – Men's 20k and 50k  
Michelle Rohl – Women's 20k  
Outstanding Association – Ohio

Mike Riban award

Outstanding Contributor – Ginger Mulanax

## **Announcement**

It was announced that Curt Clausen was awarded the bronze medal for the 1999 World Cup after the Russian walker was suspended for two years for a banded substance.

## **Associations**

Ginger Mulanax reported on the breakout session held the previous day for Associations. Associations would like to have a brochure. Steve is developing one and it will be looked at for its possible use. Another request was a video of youth walkers to be used for presentations to youth club coaches. The Associations would also like to see the race walking subcommittee up and functioning again where brainstorming and uniformity of associations can be delved into. The Associations would like to have a race walk chair handbook so that people not familiar with the program

can have some guidelines. It was also suggested that the Associations start providing some kind of Grand Prix program. It was announced that Elliott Denman is going to be the race walking historian. He accepted this position during the Association meeting.

## **Regional Championship Schedule**

Vince Peters presented the schedule of the regional championships to be presented during 2002.

### South Region

January 6	50k	Houston, TX	Dave Gwyn
October 20	20k	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Bob Cella
October 26	15k	Tulsa, OK	
November 2	1 hour	Conway, SC	
December 14	5k	Pharr, TX	

### North Region

January 25	3,000 m	Findlay, OH	Vince Peters
February 16	3,000m	Columbia, MO	Wayne Ambrust
February 24	3,000m	Chicago, IL	Diane Graham-Henry
April 7	5k/20k	Columbia, MO	Wayne Ambrust
April 21	5k/10k/20k	Yellow Springs, OH	Vince Peters
May 12	20k	Parkside, WI	Mike Dewitt
June 22	8k	Kalamazoo, MI	Bill Reed
September 28	5k	Chicago, IL	Diane Graham-Henry

### West Region

March 17	20k	Huntington Beach, CA	Dave Snyder
May 5	20k	Sacramento, CA	Anne Gerhardt
May 19	5k/15k	Riverside, CA	Dave Snyder
October 12	1 hour	Denver, CO	Shirley Clemons

### East Region

January 20	3,000m	Boston, MA	Steve Vaitones
April 21	10k	Wall Township, NJ	Elliott Denman
May 12	20k	Hauppauge, NY	Gary Westerfield
June 1	5k	Albany, NY	Cheryl Rellinger
July 7	5,000m	New London, CT	Maryanne Torrellas
July 14	3k/2k/1k	Hauppauge, NY	Gary Westerfield
September 1	40k	Ft. Monmouth, NJ	Elliott Denman
September 28	1 hr/2hr	Uniondale, NY	Mike Roth
October 15	10 mile	Brooklyn, NY	Lon Wilson
October 20	30k	Central Park, NY	Stella Cashman
November 10	50k	Hauppauge, NY	Gary Westerfield

## **Sports Sciences Sub Committee Report**

Russ Ebbets, DC – editor of Track Coaches magazine. Presented a triage model used for medical support services broken into three distinct areas of responsibility. This is going to be presented to the sports science sub committee. The three areas are: Emergency Medical Services , Athletic Trainer and third, Performance Enhancement/ Restorative and Regenerative Care.

## Operating Procedures

Section 4-E moved and seconded to delete after Committee, to manage but not conduct the various championships.

Section 4-N moved and seconded to read "Designate coaches, managers and other personnel for events in the manner provided in USATF Article 13-D-4.

Section 6-F moved and seconded to read after (Newly Revised) unless otherwise provided in these Operating Procedures. Decisions of the chair may be appealed to this Committee's parliamentarian. The chair of this Committee shall designate a qualified parliamentarian for all meetings of this Committee.

Section 8-A moved and seconded after quadrennially to read in the Summer Olympic year at the annual meeting.

Section 8-k moved and seconded in the last sentence after by the chair to read should be made no later than January 15 of the year following the election.

Section 8-B-2 moved and seconded after and subcommittees; to delete Nomination Committee chair, and be a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 8-B-3 moved and seconded to correct wording to read as follows. The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of this Committee and upon adjournment shall, as soon as possible, distribute a copy of the minutes to all committee members and the CEO; and, in general, perform all duties normally pertaining to the office of secretary; and

Section 8-D moved and seconded to reject this motion.

Section 10 moved and seconded to change top (10) to read (8) and in continuation of sentence where is reads plus no more than (2) to now read (4).

Section 10-B moved and seconded to amend Intermediate team to now read: **Under Twenty-Five (25) team** – The national under twenty-five (25) of age race walking team shall be the top five (5) individual under twenty-five (25) of age finishers from the Open Outdoor Track & Field Championships....

Section 11 Title change to read **Team Staff Selection**

Section 11-A moved and seconded to change to read as follows: **Overview:** Coaches, managers and other personnel positions are primarily ones of high responsibility and hard work. Secondly, selection to these positions may be viewed as a partial reward to those individuals who have contributed in significant ways for several years to the work of this Committee. Accordingly, specific criteria for nominations and selections need to be set out.

Section 12-B-1 moved and seconded to read Awards

Section 12-E moved and seconded to remove the words in second line "of this Committee".

Section 13-C moved and seconded to remove in third line "of this Committee" and in fourth sentence to add after participation in, the words and with.

The revised Operating Procedures will be available to all the Associations in the 2002 Governance Handbook.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

# Race Walking Officiating Procedures

## As discussed at the 2001 Annual Meeting

### Dan Pierce

A good portion of the Race Walking Judging Seminar at the 2001 USATF Annual Meeting was spent discussing procedures used by race walking officials. The purpose of the discussion was to give guidance to race walking officials by specifying certain procedures to be used in USATF race walking competitions. All procedures were designed to help ensure the fairest race possible for competitors. The following are the procedures adopted at the USATF Annual Meeting.

At the beginning of each race it has been a tradition that the Chief Race Walking Judge give a brief explanation of the rules. This explanation is unnecessary many times. In other track and field events officials don't explain the rules at the start of the competition, athletes are expected to know the rules. There are some race walks when a brief explanation is probably desirable, e.g. youth events and events with novices. Certainly at championships athletes should know the rules and the use of caution paddles and red cards. An explanation of the rules should only be given when it may be necessary to educate the athletes.

In general Race Walking Judges should not run after athletes to give them a caution. However an athlete should be informed as soon as possible when they are being cautioned. In unusual circumstances it may be best to run or trot a few steps in as dignified a manner as possible to inform the athlete of a caution. Each Judge will have to use their own judgement about the best manner to deliver a caution. If a Judge will have an opportunity to see the athlete very soon again the caution may wait, e.g. the next lap in a track race. If a Judge thinks there is a need to deliver a caution immediately they may briefly pursue the athlete. What we don't want to see is a Judge running half a block with a trench coat flapping in the wind and arms flailing to caution an athlete.

Card collectors should keep red cards (warnings) out of sight, especially out of the sight of athletes and judges. Athletes should learn about red cards through the Warning Posting Board. Judges are supposed to judge independently, without the influence of knowing how many red cards other judges are writing. It's important for Card Collectors to keep red cards out of sight and not lose them. The Card Collectors need to make sure they have a secure place to put red cards so all red cards are delivered in a timely manner to the Recorder.

Judge's Tally Cards, Summary Sheets and Warning Cards should be from the USATF Race Walk Officiating Handbook. There have been too many confusing and incorrect forms used around the US. Enlarging the forms when copying them is fine. If you have ideas for improving the forms let the Handbook editor (Dan Pierce) know.

Rotating Judges on road courses and tracks is preferred over not rotating. However, there are lots of times rotating judges is not practical, such as races 3000m and shorter and races using inexperienced crews of judges. Championship races 5000m and longer should be able to rotate judges. On longer road races it may work best to have two separate rotations going, one for each half of the course. The decision on whether or not to have Judges rotate should usually be made by the Chief Judge in consultation with the other Judges at the Judges meeting before the race.

In general Race Walk Judges don't hide while judging. However if a Judge has reason to believe an athlete is abusing the system or cheating (running) the Judge may become less visible to check out the suspected abuse. A judge could become less visible by moving to a different location and standing beside a large tree trunk, in a doorway, at the end of a hedge, between parked cars, etc. This strategy should be used only when a Judge suspects someone of purposely not trying to follow race walking rules; this is a rare situation.

If Judges are certain they see an athlete breaking race walking rules outside of their judging "zone" they should write a red card on that athlete. Examples of this would be: an athlete jogging through the aid station on the far side of a track, an athlete 70 meters down the course jogging through the turn around, a judge looks over their shoulder to another part of the course and sees an athlete not following the rules or a Judge sees a runner on the course that turns out to be a competitor in the race walk. Be careful with this; be absolutely certain you see the athlete breaking race walking rules. Remember you don't judge a race walker from directly in front of, or in back of them.

There are no drastic changes in the procedures described above, rather refinements of existing practices. This is an attempt to help Judges better understand what is expected of them and to continue the quest for more uniform judging of race walkers. The purpose of Race Walking Judges is to ensure a fair competition for all competitors.

# RACE WALKING COMMITTEE OPERATING PROCEDURES<sub>R</sub>

## *Approved December 1995 Latest Revision December 2001*

### SECTION 1 NAME

The name of this committee shall be the Race Walking Committee of USA Track & Field, hereinafter referred to as "this Committee", and "USATF".

### SECTION 2 PURPOSES

The purpose of this Committee is to supervise, control, coordinate, and encourage race walking activity for junior and senior women and men as a part of USATF, the national governing body for the sport of Athletics in the USA. In connection with such purpose, this Committee shall do the following insofar as they relate to race walking:

- A **Develop** international caliber race walkers to represent the USA in international competition.
- B Develop **interest and participation** throughout the USA and be responsible to the persons and sports organizations active in race walking.
- C Keep **athletes**, active in race walking, **informed** of policy matters, and reasonably **reflect** the views of such athletes in the policy decisions of USATF.
- D Provide and coordinate **technical information** on physical training, equipment design, coaching, and performance analysis in support of race walking.
- E Encourage and support **research, development, and dissemination of information** in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety in race walking.
- F Provide for **participation by athletes** in athletic competition in race walking, in accordance with the provisions of these Operating Procedures.
- G Provide **equitable support and encouragement** for participation by athletes in race walking.
- H **Sanction athletic competition** in race walking in accordance with the provision of these Operating Procedures.
- I **Minimize**, through coordination with other sports committees and organizations, **conflicts** in the scheduling of all competitions in race walking.
- J Encourage and support sports programs in race walking for **handicapped individuals**.
- K Encourage and support the development of race walking **officials and judges**.

### SECTION 3 AUTHORITY

- A **Powers:** This Committee shall exercise the following powers insofar as they relate to race walking:
  - 1 Establish **national goals** and encourage the attainment of those goals in race walking;
  - 2 Serve as the **coordinating body** for activity in race walking in the USA; and
  - 3 Supervise **development and competition** in race walking, including national championships in the USA, and establish procedures for the determination of eligibility standards for participation in such competitions.
- B **Limitation:** This Committee, in its governance of race walking in the USA, shall act only pursuant to and in accordance with the authority granted by USATF.

### SECTION 4 DUTIES

In addition to those duties set forth elsewhere in these Operating Procedures, this Committee shall:

- A **Jurisdiction:** Have jurisdiction over the national and regional championships for race walking and shall institute, locate, conduct, and manage all such championships.

- C** *Championship entries:* Have the right to reject any entries for competitions (if deemed objectionable) at any national championship, or may delegate this right to a subcommittee.
- D** *Expenses:* Have the right to pay expenses or authorize the payment of expenses of athletes and/or teams taking part in the championship with funds for that purpose.
- E** *Subcommittees:* Have the right to appoint subcommittees, whose members need not be members of this Committee.
- F** *Officials:* Approve officials for championships and international meetings involving race walking.
- G** *Foreign competition:* Administer all matters involving foreign countries in relation to race walking by working in close cooperation with USATF.
- H** *Open meetings:* Except upon majority vote of those present allow the attendance at its meetings of athletic coaches, officials, or representatives of any group engaged in race walking, allowing such invitees voice but no vote.
- I** *Officials:* Recommend officials, when empowered to do so, for international competition.
- J** *IAAF Race Walking Committee:* Recommend candidates for nomination to serve in the IAAF in accordance with USATF Article 22.
- K** *Sanctioning:* Authorize, through published guidelines, the sanctioning of competitions by the Associations in which the competitions are to be held, and take appropriate action in the case of any sanctioning dispute.
- L** *International competition:* In cooperation with the International Competition Committee, coordinate the competition of foreign athletes in race walking in the USA and its USA athletes abroad.
- M** *Medical assistance:* Advise the Sports Medicine & Science Committee as to dates of planned national and international team trips.
- N** *Team staffs:* Designate coaches, managers and other personnel for events in the manner provided in USATF Article 13-D-4.
- O** *General:* Promote and develop activities related to race walking.

## SECTION 5 MEMBERSHIP

- A** *Composition:* This Committee shall be constituted as follows:
- 1** *Association members:* One (1) member to be named by each Association;
  - 2** *Sports organization members:* One (1) member to be named by each sports organization listed in USATF Exhibit B and an additional two (2) members to be named by any sports organization listed in USATF Exhibit B that conducts substantial programs or competitions in race walking;
  - 3** *Other organization members:* One (1) member to be named by any sports organization listed in USATF Exhibit C-A or C-B that conducts, officiates, or has coaching involvement in race walking;
  - 4** *Officials Committee member:* One (1) member to be named by and from the USATF Officials Committee;
  - 5** *At-large members:* Five (5) at-large members to be elected by the members of this Committee;
  - 6** *Elected officers and other positions:* Any person elected by this Committee to serve in an officer position, such number not to exceed ten (10) additional members; and
  - 7** *Active athletes members:* That number of active athlete members which shall be at least twenty percent (20%) of the total authorized membership of this Committee, such active athletes to be selected by those registered at the meetings of USATF, who are active athletes engaged in race walking. At least twenty-five percent (25%) of the active athletes shall have competed for the USA in international race walking competition held under IAAF jurisdiction within the last ten (10) years, if such athletes are available.
- B** *Limitation:* All members shall have the right to vote at meetings of this Committee; however, no individual member may cast a vote in more than one capacity.
- C** *Term:* The term for elected members of this Committee shall be four (4) years.
- D** *Members:* All members of this Committee shall be members of USATF, or representatives of clubs, schools, colleges, or organizations, which are members of USATF.

## SECTION 6 MEETINGS

- A** *General:* This Committee shall meet annually in conjunction with and at the time and place fixed for the annual meeting of USATF, as provided in USATF Article 8. This Committee shall hold special meetings as may be called by the chair, at his or her own initiation or that of twenty percent (20%) of the membership of this Committee, upon twenty (20) days written notice.
- B** *Notice of Meetings:*
- 1** *Annual meeting:* Notice of the annual meeting of USATF, as provided in USATF Article 8, shall constitute notice of the annual meeting of this Committee; and
  - 2** *Special meetings:* The notice of any special meeting shall be distributed to all committee members at the direction of USATF Member Services Committee chair upon verification that the twenty percent (20%) requirement has been met. Notice of special meetings shall be in writing, shall set forth the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting, and shall be mailed to the last known address of each committee member.
- C** *Quorum:* Twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of this Committee shall constitute a quorum. Roll call shall be taken at the beginning of each session.
- D** *Order of Business:* The business of this Committee shall be conducted in the following order:
- 1** *Roll call;*
  - 2** *Reading and/or acceptance of minutes of preceding meeting(s);*
  - 3** *Report of officers;*
  - 4** *Subcommittee reports (or approval of written reports);*
  - 5** *Nominations for officers (quadrennially in the Summer Olympic year at the annual meeting) and nominating speeches;*
  - 6** *Reports of special committees (at a predetermined time);*
  - 7** *Elections (at a predetermined time);*
  - 8** *Championship Site Selection Subcommittee report;*
  - 9** *Action on proposed amendments to USATF Bylaws, Operating Regulations, or Rules of Competition, or to these Operating Procedures;*
  - 10** *Unfinished business;*
  - 11** *Resolutions (refer to USATF Article 8-H);*
  - 12** *New business;*
  - 13** *Installation of officers (quadrennially in the Summer Olympic year at the annual meeting); and*
  - 14** *Adjournment.*
- E** *Order of business:* The order of business may be modified by motion of any member or by the chair with approval of a majority vote of this Committee.
- F** *Rules of order:* Rules of order questions shall be decided by the chair in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised) unless otherwise provided in these Operating Procedures. Decisions of the chair may be appealed to this Committee's parliamentarian. The chair of this Committee shall designate a qualified parliamentarian for all meetings of this Committee.

## SECTION 7 VOTING

- A** *Supervision:* The Member Services Committee of the USATF shall oversee all elections of this Committee.
- B** *General:* Each committee member shall have one (1) vote. Committee members representing an Association of the USATF who are absent may be replaced by an alternate member of said Association whose name is given to the secretary, in writing, by the ranking Association officer present at the annual meeting. No committee member shall vote in more than one capacity. Except as otherwise provided in these Operating Procedures or the USATF Bylaws, all matters shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and voting.
- C** *Voting method:* Motions and resolutions shall generally be by voice vote. If voice vote is inconclusive to the chair or the chair's determination is challenged, there shall be a vote by show of hands. A roll call vote or, if specifically requested, a written ballot, shall be taken instead of a voice vote upon oral motion and seconded by members of this Committee.
- D** *Uncontested elections:* When only one (1) candidate or site is nominated, a voice or hand vote shall be permitted.
- E** *Contested elections:* All elections to be decided at the annual meeting of this Committee shall be conducted in the following manner:
- 1** *Nominations*
    - a** *Subcommittee:* The chair of this Committee shall, as part of the chair's report, appoint a Nominations Sub-

- b Nominations for chair:** Nominations for the chair of the this Committee shall be made, in writing, to the secretary of this Committee and received no later than October 1 of the year of the election. Nominations for the chair will not be taken from the floor at the annual meeting. Candidates for chair may present statements of candidacy, which may include proposed goals and activities, to be published in the Race Walking Newsletter;
- c Other nominations:** Nominations other than for the chair of this Committee shall be submitted, in writing, to the secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting or presented to the Nominations Subcommittee during the annual meeting prior to the time for nominations designated in the order of business. The secretary shall present the Nominations Subcommittee, prior to the time for nominations as designated in the order of business, with any written nominations received prior to such time;
- d Order of elections:** At the time for nominations as designated in the order of business, nominations shall be opened for all positions in the following order:
- i** Vice chair
  - ii** Secretary
  - iii** Treasurer
  - iv** At-large members
- Before nominations for the next position can be considered, this Committee must approve closing the nominations for the previous position; and
- e Speeches:** Immediately following all nominations, or at another designated time, the Nominations Subcommittee shall call upon one (1) nominator to speak for each candidate for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes for chair and three (3) minutes for all other nominees. If the candidate wishes to speak to their nomination, their time shall come from the nominator's allocation. All speeches for each position shall be called alphabetically. A candidate shall not use their time allocation to promote a candidate for another office. The speeches for all nominees should not exceed one (1) hour total.
- 2 Election process:**
- a Posting requirement:** All elections shall commence with nominations which shall take place at a predetermined time which shall be announced and posted at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the nominations. Also twenty-four (24) hours prior to nominations a list of eligible voting members shall be posted;
  - b Voting:** Ballots shall be collected, counted, and held secure by the Nominations Subcommittee or Member Services Committee. The list of elected persons and still contested offices shall be immediately announced to this Committee;
  - c Run-offs:** Run-off elections shall be held if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for any office. The run-off election shall be contested by the two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes cast for the office in question;
  - d Majority requirement:** In the election of at-large members, those candidates receiving over fifty percent (50%) of the votes in the first round shall be elected. The remaining positions shall be filled in a second round of voting. The ballot shall be made up of the number of positions remaining plus one (1). The candidates in the runoff shall be the candidates who received the highest number of votes in the previous round without being elected; and
  - e Protests:** Protests concerning eligibility to vote shall be made to the Member Services Committee no later than two (2) hours prior to the posted time for elections.

## SECTION 8 OFFICERS

- A Positions:** The officers of this Committee shall be: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers are to be elected by this Committee quadrennially in the Summer Olympic year at the annual meeting
- B Duties of officers:** The officers shall perform the following duties and any other duties prescribed by these Operating Procedures, the Executive Committee, or this Committee:
- 1 Chair:** The duties of chair of this Committee shall be as follows:
- a** **preside** at all **meetings** of this Committee;
  - b** ensure that all **duties and responsibilities** of this Committee are properly and promptly carried out;
  - c** appoint **subcommittees**, with the approval of this Committee, as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of this Committee;
  - d** **communicate** with this Committee's members to keep them informed of committee business;
  - e** keep the President and the CEO **informed** on committee actions and recommendations;
  - f** **attend** the Senior Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships;
  - g** **attend** USATF Board of Directors meeting(s);
  - h** conduct race walking **Executive Committee** meetings;

- I* provide a **quarterly report** to this Committee through the newsletter. The newsletter may be disseminated through conventional mail, e-mail, or a web site.
- j* the chair shall create and oversee the implementation of a **strategic plan** consistent with the goals of USATF; and
- k* in general, **execute** the decisions, policies, and procedures adopted by this Committee.

In the period of time between the annual meetings of this Committee, changes may be made in these decisions, policies, and procedures only upon a showing of substantial change in circumstances, and a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. All appointments to be made by the chair should be made no later than January 15 of the year following the election.

- 2 **Vice chair:** The vice chair shall, in the case of disability of the chair, succeed to the office and perform the duties of chair. He or she shall, in the absence of the chair, assume all of the responsibilities of the chair and execute the authority of that office. He or she shall be a member of the Championship Site Selection Subcommittee, serve as an ex-officio member of all special committees, and subcommittees.
- 3 **Secretary:** The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of this Committee and upon adjournment shall, as soon as possible, distribute a copy of the minutes to all committee members and the CEO; and, in general, perform all duties normally pertaining to the office of secretary; and
- 4 **Treasurer:** The treasurer shall prepare a budget at the direction of the chair and shall prepare quarterly financial reports for this Committee's newsletter. The treasurer will also serve as this Committee's liaison to the Budget Committee of USATF.

**C** **Limitation:** No person shall serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms.

**D** **Vacancy:** In the event a vacancy occurs, the Executive Committee shall select a person to fill the vacancy. If the vacancy involves the position of chair, this position shall be filled by the vice chair. For purposes of consecutive terms, an unexpired term of thirty (30) months or more shall count as a full term.

**E** **Removal:** Any officer of this Committee may be removed for good cause by a two-thirds vote of those members of this Committee present and voting at an annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, and provided that the requisite notice for such meeting shall properly set forth on its agenda the removal vote.

## SECTION 9 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall be empowered to conduct the business of this Committee between annual meetings. The Executive Committee shall consist of the chair, the immediate past chair as a non-voting ex-officio member, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, the five (5) at-large members, and three (3) active athletes (one (1) of whom shall have competed for the United States in international race walking competition held under IAAF jurisdiction within the last ten (10) years.) The active athlete members of the Executive Committee shall be selected by and from those active race walking athletes registered and in attendance at the annual meeting of USATF. The chair may appoint up to three (3) additional members to the Executive Committee.

## SECTION 10 NATIONAL TEAM

- A** **Open team:** The national open race walking team shall be the top eight (8) individual finishers in the women's 20k, men's 20k, and men's 50k national championships, plus no more than four (4) additional athletes per event to be selected by the Race Walking Development Subcommittee chair(s) with approval of the chair and vice chair of this Committee.
- B** **Under Twenty-five (25) team:** The national under twenty-five (25) race walking team shall be the top five (5) individual (under twenty-five (25) years of age for the calendar year) finishers from the Open Outdoor Track & Field Championships, plus one (1) additional per event selected by the Race Walking Development Subcommittee chair(s) with approval of the chair and vice chair of this Committee.
- C** **Junior team:** The national junior race walking team shall be the top six (6) finishers from the Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championship race walks.
- D** **Order of finish:** International travel teams as designated by USATF shall be selected from the order of finish at the national championships or special trials competition from those athletes who chose to compete.

- E** **Standards:** Minimum standards for international travel teams may be set and shall be determined at the annual meeting of this Committee.
- F** **Level of fitness:** It is the athlete's responsibility to maintain a high level of fitness between the selection event and the competition such that the athlete can fully participate and represent USATF and the USA. The Executive Committee will provide guidelines for athletes who, by virtue of an extended time between selection and the actual competition, must assure that he or she is still capable of adequately representing USATF and the USA in competition.
- G** **Camp or clinic selection:** The order of selection to national team activities such as camps or clinics or other national team events shall be from the order of finish at the previous national team selection races (outdoor championships at the appropriate distances).

## SECTION 11 TEAM STAFF SELECTION

- A** **Overview:** Coaches, managers and other personnel positions are primarily ones of high responsibility and hard work. Secondly, selection to these positions may be viewed as a partial reward to those individuals who have contributed in significant ways for several years to the work of this Committee. Accordingly, specific criteria for nominations and selections need to be set out.
- B** **Events:** This selection criteria applies to the following competitions:
- 1 Race Walking World Cup;
  - 2 Pan Am Cup of Race Walking;
  - 3 USATF junior dual meet competitions; and
  - 4 Other international race walking team competitions as designated by USATF.
- C** **Criteria for selection:**
- 1 **Capability:** The individual must be capable of appropriately representing the USA and this Committee at meetings, ceremonies, and social gatherings;
  - 2 **Contributor:** The individual must have been and continue to be a significant, consistent contributor to the national and international work of this Committee for at least the previous five (5) years;
  - 3 **Administrative skills:** The individual must have demonstrated the administrative skills necessary to plan and coordinate all aspects of the transportation, meals, and housing;
  - 4 **Pressure situations:** The individual must work well under pressure; and
  - 5 **General:** The individual must be able to appropriately function at technical meetings; contribute and be supportive on the sidelines; have the background and experience so as to pass on pre-race preparation suggestions and strategy, if requested; and be responsive to the individuality and needs of the athletes.
- D** **Special categories:**
- 1 **Athletes:** Former senior national team members who have been retired for at least two (2) years, in addition to meeting basic criteria in "C" above, may then be considered for a senior team position.
  - 2 **IAAF judges as staff:** For selection to World Cup or Pan Am Cup, IAAF judges cannot have been a judge at the prior World Cup or Pan Am Cup, nor be a judge at the next World Cup or Pan Am Cup. They must also meet basic criteria in "C" above.
- E** **Frequency of service:** No individual should serve more than once every two years. In determining prior service, selection to the staff of any USATF team will be included, as will selection by the IAAF to judge an IAAF event. Individuals may not serve as staff in two (2) consecutive editions of the same event. The chair is an exception to this rule when serving as chief 'de mission at the request of the President of USATF.
- F** **Nominations list:** It shall be the responsibility of a subcommittee appointed by the chair or this Committee's secretary to issue a call for nominations, and to create and maintain a listing of individuals who have satisfied the basic criteria. A short, accurate resume delineating service to this Committee shall be maintained for each individual on the list. Individuals who no longer meet the basic criteria shall be deleted. Non-eligibility because of recent service shall be tracked. The listing shall be completely renewed at the beginning of each quadrennium and updated yearly. Those individuals maintaining the list shall be ineligible for selection while maintaining the listing. The listing shall be published in this Committee's newsletter.
- G** **Screening:** Prior to voting on selections, a subcommittee composed of the elected officers, one athlete representative, and the past chair as an ex-officio member, shall review the listing to confirm the current eligibility of those on the list.

- H** ***Final selection:** Final selection of staff and team coaches shall be by majority vote of a committee composed of the following: the chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, five (5) at-large members, and the top five (5) finishers at the previous national championship distance in each of the Olympic events. If athletes appear on more than one list, alternates will be selected by moving down the list starting with the 20K and alternating with the 50K until the required number of athletes are chosen.*

## **SECTION 12 REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBCOMMITTEES**

- A** ***Appointments:** Representatives of this Committee to USATF committees shall be appointed by the chair as necessary.*
- B** ***Subcommittees:** Subcommittees of this Committee shall be:*
- 1** Awards;
  - 2** Development;
  - 3** Race Walking Officials;
  - 4** Championship Site Selection;
  - 5** Newsletter;
  - 6** Marketing;
  - 7** Associations;
  - 8** National Teams; and
  - 9** Law & Legislation.
- C** ***Special groups:** Special subcommittees as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of this Committee may be created from time to time by the chair with the approval of the members.*
- D** ***Subcommittee chairs:** Subcommittee chairs shall be appointed by the chair of this Committee to serve a four (4) year term to run concurrently with the term of the chair. Subcommittee chairs may be removed for good cause by the chair of this Committee or by a vote of two-thirds of the members of this Committee.*
- E** ***Members:** Unless otherwise determined by these Operating Procedures or the USATF Bylaws, the chair of this Committee or the subcommittee chair may appoint any number of members to serve on a subcommittee.*
- F** ***Relational appointments:** Any individual appointed to represent this Committee on a USATF administrative or development committee shall be a member of the related subcommittee of this Committee.*

## **SECTION 13 CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTION**

- A** ***General procedure:** All race walking national championships shall be awarded at the annual meeting of this Committee. Selection shall be made from those written bids properly filed. Bids are to be filed no later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting of USATF. Six (6) copies of each bid are to be sent to the chair of the Championship Site Selection Subcommittee, and one (1) copy is to be sent to the USATF National Office.*
- B** ***Form:** Bids shall be submitted, in writing, in the form prescribed by USATF for bids for national championship meets, or as otherwise approved by this Committee in absence of a USATF-prescribed bid form.*
- C** ***Committee composition:** The chair of the Championship Site Selection Subcommittee shall be selected by the chair of this Committee. The Championship Site Selection Subcommittee shall be chosen by the subcommittee chair. The makeup of the subcommittee shall reflect the broad range of participation in and with this Committee.*
- D** ***Specific procedures:** The procedures of the Championship Site Selection Subcommittee will be substantially as follows:*
- 1** ***Information:** Packets of all bids received together with course certification maps and attachments are sent to each subcommittee member for review and evaluation;*
  - 2** ***Bid presentations:** A schedule of appointments is made up and sent to each bidder;*
  - 3** ***Bid meetings:** In conjunction with the annual meeting of this Committee, each bidder will meet with the Championship Site Selection Subcommittee for ten (10) to twenty-five (25) minutes to update and to answer the questions of the subcommittee; and*
  - 4** ***Selection:** Following the meetings with bidders, the Subcommittee will, in closed session, review and evaluate each bid. The Subcommittee will then prepare a slate of championships to present to this Committee for final approval.*

- E **Approval process:** Should any event or events be pulled for discussion, the unaffected portions of the slate shall be approved prior to discussion of the pulled items.
- F **Vacancy of an award:** In the event the successful bidder is unable to stage the competition, the competition will be awarded to the bidder whose acceptable proposal received the second highest number of votes cast.
- G **Regional awards:** Regional championships shall be awarded by regional committees in a manner similar to the foregoing.

#### SECTION 14 SAVING CLAUSE

Failure of literal or complete compliance with the provisions of these Operating Procedures in respect to dates and times of notice, or the sending or receipt of the same, or errors in phraseology of notice of proposals, which in the judgment of the members of this Committee at meetings held do not cause substantial injury to the rights of members, shall not invalidate the actions or proceedings of members at any meeting.

#### SECTION 15 CONFLICTS

In the event that any provision of these Operating Procedures conflicts with any federal, state, or local laws, or the Bylaws, Operating Regulations, or Rules of Competition of USATF, said provision of these Operating Procedures shall be void and of no effect. If any provision of these Operating Procedures is rendered void for conflict with law or the Bylaws, Operating Regulations, or Rules of Competition of USATF, all other provisions of these Operating Procedures shall be unaffected thereby and continue in full force and effect.

#### SECTION 16 AMENDMENTS

- A **General rule:** Amendments to these Operating Procedures shall be considered by this Committee as follows:
  - 1 **Consideration:** Amendments to the Operating Procedures of this Committee shall be considered at the annual meeting of this Committee in every odd-numbered year; and
  - 2 **Super-majority vote:** Amendments to the Operating Procedures shall require a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting.
- B **Exceptions:** Notwithstanding paragraph A-1 above, amendments may be considered at any meeting of this Committee in any of the following circumstances:
  - 1 **Tabled items:** To act on a tabled amendment proposal;
  - 2 **Conform to law:** To make the Operating Procedures conform to federal or local law or regulation;
  - 3 **Conform to Bylaws:** To make the Operating Procedures conform to USATF Bylaws or Operating Regulations;
  - 4 **Conform to Rules:** To make the Operating Procedures conform to USATF Rules of Competition; or
  - 5 **Emergency situations:** In emergency circumstances, upon ninety percent (90%) vote at any meeting of this Committee.
- C **Time of submission:** Amendments shall be submitted at least ninety (90) days prior to the meeting at which they are considered, so as to allow proper review and submittal to the members of this Committee.
- D **Form of submission:** The proposed amendments shall be in such form as to show the entire section, subsection, or paragraph, as the case may be, as it will read if adopted, with all proposed additional language underlined, and all proposed deleted language in double parentheses. It shall be sent in such form to the Law & Legislation Subcommittee chair of this Committee.
- E **Persons submitting:** All proposed amendments must be first recommended for approval at the time of submission by someone other than the submitter who shall be either the chair of any subcommittee, any member of the Law & Legislation Subcommittee, the race walking representative of any Association, the at-large members of this Committee, or any of the officers of this Committee. Such approval must be in writing, dated, and placed on the proposal when submitted.
- F **Effective date:** Unless otherwise specified at the time of adoption, amendments to the Operating Procedures shall be effective immediately.

# 2001 International Review

## Bob Bowman

It is always appropriate at the end of each year to review the performance standard of the U.S. race walkers in international competition. We occasionally read unfair criticisms of our walkers performances by those who are usually not accurate in their valuations nor constructive in their comments. I'm not sure any level of performance would satisfy them. However, for the vast majority of fair minded and responsible contributors to our sport, I offer the following review of our walkers performances this past year when compared to the rest of the world. Keep in mind, no federation in the world will be completely satisfied with their level of performance, because no federation, no matter how strong they are, has been able to achieve a high level of success at all distances in any one year. And it gets tougher and tougher as more federations become serious about race walking.

There have been some excellent performances achieved by U.S. walkers during 2001, and some disappointments. I am not going to dwell on the disappointments because even in these disappointments good things can eventually emerge. It is always a learning process.

At the senior level, the U.S. men continue to be weak at the 20Km distance where no one has been able to achieve an "A" standard. However, we continue to produce multiple "A" standards at the 50km distance. These two trends have continued for several decades with 2001 being no exception. The senior women, having achieved a fairly good standard internationally at the old 10Km distance, have some work to do in order to close the gap on the major walking countries at the 20Km distance. Still a 19th and 25th in the World Championships is a good result to build on. That result put the U.S. in the middle of the pack among the best women race walkers in the world. The future does look promising for the senior women since there are several younger women such as Amber Antonia and Robyn Stevens, both at Wisconsin-Parkside, who are achieving good results.

The event in which the U.S. clearly had its biggest achievement was the 50km. The terrific performances by both Curt Clausen and Philip Dunn in the World Championships have not received enough recognition. They were marvelous. The 50km is the toughest event in all athletics.

There were 48 walkers at the Edmonton starting line, all great athletes who had met the "A" standard of 4 hours or the "B" standard of 4:05. Included in the field were 9 former medallists at either the world or Olympic championships, including Curt Clausen, who was just awarded the '99 bronze medal. No country has had more success over the years than Russia, who had just swept the medals in the 20Km. The only other country that has similar depth is China. In the world list at 50Km for 2001, we find Russia and China with a combined 19 out of the top 50 performers. They put a lot of their athletic resources into developing world class race walkers. For China, it is their No. 1 athletic discipline.

How did these two walking powerhouses do in the Edmonton 50km? Russia had a 5th, a DQ and a DNF. China with 12 walkers in the world top 50, strangely didn't have even one entry! How did the always strong Italian team do? They had an 8th, 13th and a DNF. This event has a way of humbling even the most successful federations. So the USA with its 7th and 14th achieved a standard that only a couple of other countries could match. Not too shabby for a program with little financial resources and under-supported by the educational institutions, but never-the-less held together by a great group of dedicated volunteers and blessed with walkers who wisely ignore the critics and believe they can walk with anyone on any given day. Our hats off to two of the world's best, Curt and Philip. I'm sure we have not seen the last of your great accomplishments.

# 2001 Race Walking Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 27 9:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M.

## Shirley Clemons

In attendance: Bob Bowman, Curt Clausen, Shirley Clemons, Philip Dunn, Frank Greenberg, Darlene Hickman, Dave McGovern, Ginger Mulanax, Mike Rohl, and Steve Vaitones

The chair informed the meeting that next year the convention will start on Wednesday and that our first meeting will be on that day and he wants to have all of the executive committee be available for that time.

The chair wants to change how the meetings are conducted. Wants the reports to be kept short and wants committee reports to not tell the committee what they want to do but to present what they have done and where they are going and then ask the committee where do you want us to go. Have more input from the committee so that the committee has more involvement.

The chair informed the committee that the schedule for the race walk at the National Indoors has been changed to move them more in line with the other finals. The women's race will be on Saturday just before opening ceremonies and the men's will be the first event after the opening ceremonies.

Brooks Johnson, the division chair of High Performance Programs and Ralph Mann are putting on a distance coaching clinic in Las Vegas for four days and invited three race walking coaches to attend. Mike Dewitt, Troy Engle and Dan Pierce will attend.

Ginger suggested a list be provided to all associations that if they have a specific question, they will know whom to contact. This would alleviate the work for the chair. Steve Vaitones said he would put together such a list.

The chair reported that an agreement was made with John MacLachlan to have Enrique Penna do four clinics for the sum of \$5,000. Enrique did the 50k clinic, the second was scheduled for the National 15k in Indianapolis and the third was to be the 30k in Wisconsin and fourth clinic was to be at the youth meet in Texas. Enrique only did one clinic, however, they, through their lawyer, are asking for the whole sum. It was decided to pay this sum rather than involve legal entanglement. The money is not coming from the race walking committee budget but from a grant provided through the USOC.

Mike Rohl requested considering granting a \$2,000 scholarship to 25 NCAA Division II schools in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, which is a region, for race walking. They would in turn have race walking in their regional competitions. This would amount to approximately \$50,000 for a period of four years. It would represent approximately 12 ½ percent of the NCAA Division II schools.

Philip Dunn agreed to be the Men's Development subcommittee chair.

The chair requested that the committee members attend other sports committee meetings and special events to get to know the other USATF members as this contact could be beneficial in the future.

The committee discussed the need for providing to the voting group, the biography of the candidates for international team staff selections. The biography questionnaire will be changed to include the question of languages spoken to overcome some language problems encountered. The athletes requested that they be provided with an evaluation form to critique the team staff at an international competition. Shirley will request this form, for the personal use of the race walk committee, from the national office. This form will be sent to each team member prior to their attending an international competition.

The procedure for obtaining the staff for the World Cup will be instituted early in January. Shirley will send out resume questionnaires to all eligible staff members.

Steve Vaitones presented the recommended standard for men's 5k indoors of 22:00 which is loosened from last year's 21:50. For men's outdoors they are trying to get A and B standards. A you are automatic and then filled in up to a maximum of 16. Standards presented were 1:33:00 for A and 1:37:00 top end for B. Women's standards were not available. Steve asked for a 3k standard, and will report on this time when available.

Discussed proposed Law & Legislation change B27, which would limit term of office for chair. It is felt that this should be up to each sports committee to control. Also discussed was proposed change B28, which limits number of the executive committee to ten individuals. This is too restrictive. Will be presented to the committee in Tuesday night's session.

The chair is asking for feedback to let the chair know how the committee is doing and how the chair is doing in order to learn areas of improvement.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

## Secretary's Report

### Shirley Clemons

The convention this year was one of hard work and a great number of meetings. As the race walking committee representative to Law & Legislation Committee, I was overwhelmed with long discussion sessions. There were some concerns for the race walking committee this year that needed to be addressed with the Law & Legislation Committee.

Item B27, which would have limited the term of office for a committee chair, was withdrawn.

Item B28, which would have limited the number of members on the executive committee, was withdrawn.

Item B31, which was restructuring of the Coaches Education Committee that would have the race walk coordinator, was tabled until next year.

Regulation 3 was the most debated and rewritten Law & Legislation proposal this year. This amendment was discussed extensively in the High Performance Committees and the Athletes Advisory Committee. It was finally agreed upon by all and was passed as amended at the closing general session.

The 2002 Governance Handbook will be available to all Association race walk chairs early next year, for a fee, from the National office.

The race walking committee also amended its Operating Procedures during this convention and these revised procedures are to be included in the 2002 Governance Handbook.

The minutes of each of the race walking meetings will be provided in a separate mailing. They are just too lengthy to be presented in this newsletter. *(Ed.-Never underestimate how much I will cram into this Newsletter!!)*

In closing, I felt that we had a very productive series of meetings during this convention; however, I was a little discouraged in the reduced attendance. I enjoyed the convention, even with its long hours, and wish to thank the committee for allowing me to serve as your secretary.

To all, please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

# Championship Site Selection Report

## Michael Rohl

After having been given the job in August there was a scramble to produce bid forms. With some difficulty this was done and will not be a problem next year. Because I have the full version of Adobe I'll be able to modify the documents myself in terms of having the proper dates. I had asked all bidders to be as flexible as possible and for the most part all were. This led for some last minute negotiating in the site selection committee meeting and in the racewalk meetings, but they were healthy discussions and by being slightly more flexible the athletes (Junior, Open and Masters) all benefited. Overall, the process should be much more streamlined and I plan to continue to recruit race directors from outside our small community.

I was able to help direct New Balance to commit to some sponsorship of the a few events. I do not know how much support they are willing to give or which events they will choose, but it is a start. I will continue to look for a series sponsor.

### 2002 National Championship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Age Groups</u>
February 17	50 km	San Diego, CA	OM,OW
May 5	30 km	Sacramento, CA	OM,OW,MM,MW
June 2	15 km	Evansville, IN	OM,OW,MM,MW,JM,JW
August 18	10 km	Wilkes-Barre, PA	OM,OW
September 1	40 km	Ft. Monmouth, NJ	OM,OW,MM,MW
September 21	5 km	Kingsport, TN	OM,OW,MM,MW
September 28	1 Hour / 2 Hour	Long Island, NY	OW,MM,MW,JM,JW / OM
October 6	5000 m	Boston, MA	JM,JW
October 20	20 km	Coconut Creek, FL	MM,MW,JM,JW

### Important Scheduling Notes

\*\*The 10 km Championship was awarded to Sallie Mae for 2003. This event for OM & OW will be held on August 16 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

\*\*The Junior Nationals have been combined with the Senior National Track & Field Championships. All races will be conducted on the track. The Juniors, Men & Women, will race on Friday 21 starting at 8 am, with the second race starting as the first one ends. The Seniors will race on Saturday and Sunday, both starting at 8 am. It is undecided as to which races will be held on which day.

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## **Apology, etc . . .**

### **Michael J. Roth, Editor**

Let me take this opportunity to apologize to everyone who has been waiting in earnest for the RW Newsletter. I have neglected my duties in this manner. I hope that this does not happen again. Also, the missing Treasurer's Report was my fault as well. Curt Clausen did send me a preliminary End of 2001 Report, but it was damaged by a virus and I did not have a backup copy. I expect to have the Full 2001 Report in the next edition.

As for why there are no reports from the other Committee Members, maybe someone can give me an answer to this question. I am not sure why Dan Pierce did not send anything and Rob Cole has never sent a report. I asked many times, and finally gave up. While this is out of my control, I hope to nag them to the point where they submit something next time. Why do I mention this? It is not a personal issue, as I like them both and consider them friends. Our Bylaws mandate a Report from them Quarterly, which coincides with the number of required Newsletters.

Also, I had expressed the desire to send this Newsletter to every Race Walker in the US with email. After many requests to the National Office for the proper information falling upon deaf ears, it seems like this will take longer than I had hoped. This will happen, though.